

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Before line 1 of the specification, please insert the following new paragraph:

This Nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) on Patent Application No(s). P2002-285154 filed in JAPAN on September 30, 2002, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 7 as follows:

Fig. 1A is a plan view of one embodiment of a lithium ion secondary cell according to the present invention, and Fig. ~~2B~~ 1B is a partially cross sectional view of the lithium ion secondary cell of Fig. 1A.